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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAIM

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

In response to the Office action dated March 30, 2006, please consider the following proposed new independent claim 27. This claim has been drafted to more clearly define the subject invention and distinguish the orthopedic cushion over the cited reference to McMahon in view of articles to White and Samms. The claim is as follows:

27. (new) A cushion for a domestic pet, the cushion comprising:

a slow recovery, porous, visco-elastic foam padding layer;

a supporting layer, said supporting layer made of a stabilizing material for supporting said visco-elastic foam padding layer thereon, a top of said supporting layer received next to a bottom of said visco-elastic foam padding layer;

a waterproof, breathable, flexible material protective liner, said protective liner received over a top of said visco-elastic foam padding layer and over a bottom of said supporting layer, said protective liner preventing an absorption of liquids from the domestic pet into the top of said visco-elastic foam padding layer and into the bottom of said supporting layer, said protective liner allowing airflow to pass through the cushion for maintaining loft of said visco-elastic foam padding layer and said supporting layer; and